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SUBJECT Czech Fighter-Bomber "Sokol M1"

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1. Twelve "Sokol M1" planes have recently arrived at Devica Marija Poljub, the military airfield of Ljubljana. They are the latest type built by the "J. BRAZ" factory at Chocnj in Czechoslovakia.
2. The "Sokol M1" is used as a fighter and night-fighter, in a ground attack and anti-tank role, and as a torpedo bomber. There is armored plating 9 mm thick in front and behind the pilot's seat, as well as 9 mm armored plating turning with the gunners' turret and 9 mm armored plating for the radio operator. The gas tanks are semi-armored. The crew consists of a pilot in the front, a mid-upper gunner and a lower rear radio operator-gunner.
3. Armament:
 - 2 MGs firing through the propellers
 - 2 Rear MGs in the fuselage
 - 2 MGs in a central turret
 - 4 of these MGs can be replaced by 20 mm "Mauser" cannon-guns.These weapons can be worked electrically by the pilot, by means of a two-way switch which allows all weapons to be fired simultaneously. The plane carries one bomb (500-800 kg) in a fuselage bomb bay, operated electrically. The bomb bay may also hold a torpedo or smoke bombs. 2 bombs (100 Kg) can be carried under each wing.
4. There are four engines of 850 HP each with three bladed propellers. Maximum speed is 550 Km per hour; Cruising speed is 400 Km per hour; Ceiling: 8,100 m.; Load: 2,500 Kg.; Endurance: 6 hours with 1100 Kg of fuel (?).
5. Equipment carried includes a vertical camera (18x24) and a horizontal camera in the nose. W/T set is a German "Siemens" with short, medium and long wave lengths. There are also a VDF and intercom sets.

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